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Dear Hal,

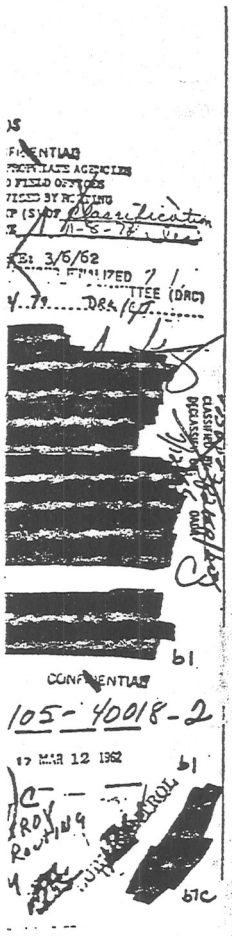
This CIA document from Donald Wolfe's "The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe" make the paranoids seem well, not paranoid enough.

But if the CIA was ~~that~~ interested in Kilgallen, how much more ~~interested~~ they have been interested in you!

Sincerely,
Ed Williams

P.S.

Hope all is coming along well ~~health~~ wise.



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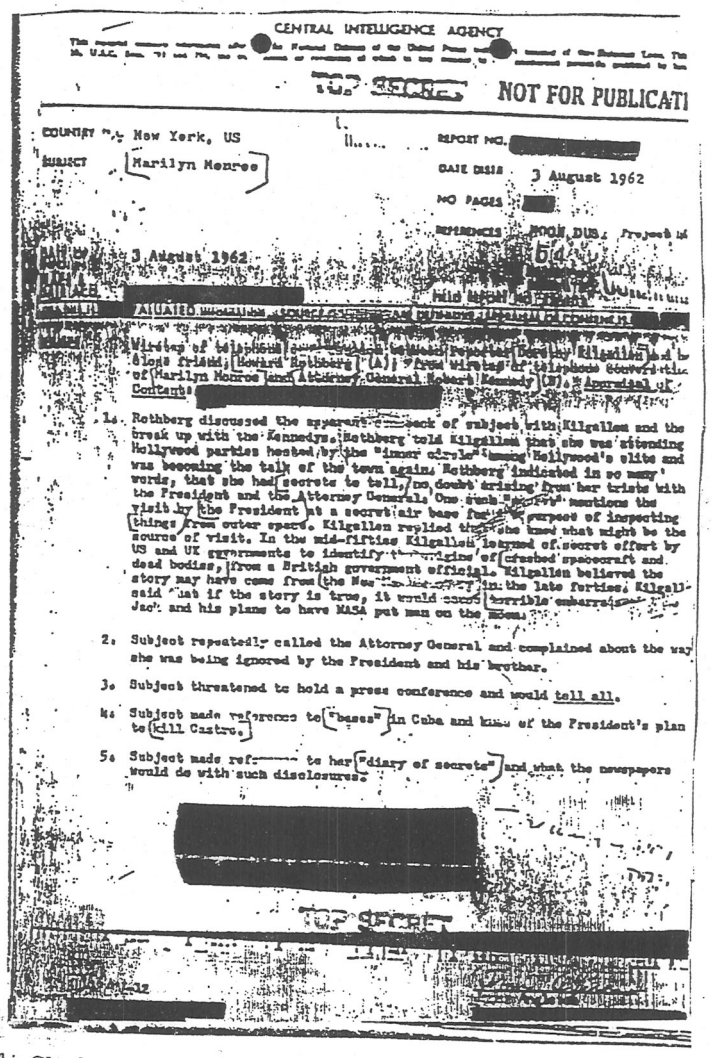

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SUMMARY [redacted]

1. Rothberg discussed the apparent [illegible] back of subject with Kilgallen and the break up with the Kennedys. Rothberg told Kilgallen that she was attending Hollywood parties hosted by the "inner circle" among Hollywood's elite and was becoming the talk of the town again. Rothberg indicated in so many words, that she had secrets to tell, no doubt arising from her trists with the President and the Attorney General. One such "secret" mentions the visit by the President at a secret air base for the purpose of inspecting things from outer space. Kilgallen replied that she knew what might be the source of visit. In the mid-fifties Kilgallen learned of secret effort by US and UK governments to identify the origins of crashed spacecraft and dead bodies, from a British government official. Kilgallen believed the story may have come from the New [illegible] in the late forties. Kilgallen said that if the story is true, it would cause terrible embarrassment to Jack and his plans to have NASA put man on the moon.

2. Subject repeatedly called the Attorney General and complained about the way she was being ignored by the President and his brother.

3. Subject threatened to hold a press conference and would tell all.

4. Subject made reference to "bases" in Cuba and knew of the President's plan to kill Castro.

5. Subject made ref[illegible] to her "diary of secrets" and what the newspapers would do with such disclosures.

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TOP SECRET

This CIA document, dated August 3, 1962, is an evaluation of wiretaps on the telephones of both Marilyn Monroe and syndicated columnist Dorothy Kilgallen. It discloses that Monroe had learned of top government secrets. Item 1 refers to a discussion between Dorothy Kilgallen and Howard Rothberg regarding Monroe's troubled relationship with the president and the attorney general. Item 2 confirms that she was repeatedly calling Robert Kennedy with complaints about being ignored by JFK. Item 3 verifies her threat to call a press conference. Item 4 reveals that she had been made privy to top secret security matters. Item 5 confirms that Monroe kept a "diary of secrets." The document is signed by James Angleton, CIA chief of counterintelligence.